

In the Abstract

Please replace the abstract as presented in the underlying International Application No. PCT/EP2004/052324 with the following amended abstract:

ABSTRACT

~~The invention relates to an~~ An electric switching device, designed to carry a low-voltage, in particular a circuit-breaker or contactor, having comprising at least one arc-quenching unit (16;18) is provided. Connection contacts (8) are mounted in a housing (2) that can be sealed by a cover (4) and switching chambers (10) are configured in the said housing. To adapt the device to different current ranges, the housing (2) and cover (4) are equipped with guide and retaining elements (12, 26, 28, 30) for cooling plates (16) that can be inserted and for arc-quenching laminated cores (18) that can be interchanged with the said plates.